

new phase of his career, I am pleased to recognize his incredible work for the Golden State.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Jim Beall. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, and the State of California are worthy of commendation and admiration.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MRS. KAREN SCHUETT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mrs. Karen Schuett and her retirement from teaching.

Mrs. Schuett began her career at Horace Mann Elementary School in the Bakersfield City School District in 1983, before teaching in the Panama Buena Vista Unified School District at Stockdale Elementary School in 1984. For the remainder of her career, she taught primarily 2nd and 3rd grades at Castle, Sandrini, Laurelglen, and Hart Schools. In addition, as part of the Sister City Program, Mrs. Schuett taught English as a Second Language at Wakayama Municipal High School in Wakayama, Japan, from 1988 to 1989.

During her career, Mrs. Schuett served numerous committees and held various leadership positions in efforts to ensure the best possible education for her students and the entire community. She also was awarded several recognitions, including 1992 Teacher of the Year, the California Teachers Association State WHO Award for 2009–2010, and the California Teachers Association Member-in-Politics Ted Bass Award.

Two of Mrs. Schuett's proudest professional accomplishments are restoring the Christmas lights on Truxtun Avenue as part of a class project, which was nominated by the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce for a Beautiful Bakersfield Award, and founding the Boys of Color mentoring program. The Boys of Color program was started in 2003 to bring community members to the school site to mentor young Black students. The program has grown to 50 participants and has been recognized by the Kern County Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, the NAACP, the California Teachers Association, and the California legislature.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mrs. Karen Schuett and wishing her the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING CAT DAVIS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Cat Davis, who passed away on May 26, 2021. Cat was a remarkable soul, and she was one of God's greatest gifts to everyone who knew her. My prayers are with Cat's family as we mourn her passing.

I first met Cat and her mom, Sally, at a unity dinner that I hosted several years ago in Spokane, Washington. Cat had bright purple hair that caught everyone's attention. When she first approached me, she gave me a big hug, and I knew right away that her stand out hair color was the perfect match for the clear vibrancy she had for life.

In that moment, not I, nor anyone else could have imagined the depth of suffering she had been enduring. Under the surface, Cat was fighting for her life as she battled Scleroderma, a rare autoimmune disease without a cure. During our first meeting, Cat told me she needed a stem cell transplant, but Medicare refused to cover the surgery. This would have devastated most people, but not Cat. Instead, her will to live and her desire to fight this illness only grew stronger.

In June 2017, Cat and Sally travelled to D.C. to meet with the Director for the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services in my office in the Capitol. Cat passionately shared her story and pleaded for them to grant the transplant surgery, and they responded positively. It had been worth the difficult trip from Spokane to D.C.

Cat would eventually be granted approval for surgery, and with it, a second lease on life. I watched as Cat continued to approach each day with hope, enthusiasm, and deep understanding of the impact a life lived for others has. As our friendship continued to deepen over the years, she and her mom became a special example to me of love enduring all things.

As the Bible says in I Corinthians, "Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." Cat's love and friendship will forever be imprinted on my heart, and for that, I will always be grateful.

Madam Speaker, Cat Davis lived an amazing life that deserves to be celebrated. In honor of Cat's love, legacy, and passion that has inspired all those who knew her, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cat Davis. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom.

HONORING SGT. NICK ERNSTES

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Sgt. Nick Ernstes of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

While off-duty, Sgt. Ernstes saved the life of a woman who had been stabbed repeatedly in the parking lot of a local convenience store.

After arriving on the scene, Sgt. Ernstes acted quickly and applied the proper medical attention that likely prevented the woman from losing her life.

Thank God for Sgt. Nick Ernstes for his heroic actions and for serving our community. And I thank every member of law enforcement for bravely fulfilling their mission to protect and serve.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THOMAS RAY POWELL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Thomas Ray Powell of Ypsilanti, Michigan. His lifetime of public service is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Powell was born on November 9, 1949, in Stamford, Texas, to Lantz Powell and Mary Falcon. He spent his childhood in numerous states before attending the University of Missouri—Kansas City. Upon his graduation, Mr. Powell entered the United States Army as a medical laboratory technician, stationed at Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. He married Ms. Marianne Parizek on December 30, 1971, and together they had two children, Megan and Benjamin. Mr. Powell received a master's degree in Health Services Administration in 1980 and worked in hospitals all around the country, including the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Truman Medical Center, Davenport Medical Center, Baker Hospital, and the Roper St. Francis Health System.

In 2001, Mr. Powell decided to pursue his lifelong dream of teaching high school science. A year later, he received his teaching certificate and taught biology, chemistry, environmental science, and forensic science at Woodland High School and Summerville High School in Charleston, South Carolina. After retiring and moving to Ypsilanti in 2015 to be closer to his family, Mr. Powell served as a long-term science substitute at Saline High School.

Mr. Powell is beloved by his former students and family. No matter where he goes, Mr. Powell has been active in his community, serving as the president of the North Charleston Breakfast Rotary Club and as a trusted mentor to countless high schoolers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Thomas Ray Powell. He has supported so many throughout his life, and all who know him can attest to his caring personality. I join with Mr. Powell's wife, Marianne; two children, Megan and Benjamin; granddaughter, Nora; former students; family; and friends in extending my thanks to him for his lifelong dedication to public service.

TRIBUTE TO IKE BOOTSMA

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Eastvale City Council Member Ike Bootsma, who passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021. Ike was a dedicated leader in our Riverside County community and he will be deeply missed.

Ike was one of nine children born to Trynje and Jim Bootsma, his Dutch immigrant parents who were among the first families to establish a dairy in Chino Valley in the late 1930s. Following in the agricultural and entrepreneurial footsteps of his parents, Ike started his own calf ranch in 1975. As the area began to grow and local dairy farms began to make

way for homes, Ike was one of the leaders behind the efforts to incorporate the city of Eastvale in 2010. In November of that year, voters elected Ike to the new city's very first city council.

In addition to his service as mayor and on the city council, Ike represented Eastvale on a number of regional government boards, including Western Riverside Council of Governments and the Riverside Transit Agency. He also spent considerable time as an active member of community based organizations, including the Eastvale Kiwanis Club, the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce, and the Eastvale Roadway Adoption Program. According to his daughter, Metchelle Bootsma, one of Ike's favorite ways to give back was to put his big white beard to work by serving as Santa Claus at various children's events.

Ike is survived by his wife Squeaker, and his children Shaun Bootsma, Heidi Tillman, Mike Kirk, and Metchelle Bootsma, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Bootsma family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Ike. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Ike made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

IN RECOGNITION OF MURPHY
MONTLER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Murphy Montler upon his posthumous induction into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes leaders who have contributed to the area's economic development and community enrichment.

Born in Ashville and raised in Altoona, Mr. Montler was rooted in our region. He graduated from St. Francis University and began his 41-year career with FirstEnergy as a coal handler. Mr. Montler was quickly promoted and later retired as an executive in the government affairs office for Ohio and West Virginia. He was deeply involved in our community, and his love of the Greater Johnstown area was evident throughout his service.

During his time in our region, Mr. Montler served on a number of community boards, including the Cambria Regional Chamber, Jun-

ior Achievement, JARI, United Way of Laurel Highlands, Johnstown Regional Partnership, Somerset County Economic Development Council, Enterprise Venture Capital Corp of PA, Johnstown Free Medical Clinic, Victim Services, Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, and Johnstown Area Heritage Association.

Mr. Montler also served on the 1st Summit Bank Regional Advisory Board, the Johnstown Industrial Development Corporation Review Committee, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Advisory Board, and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce CEO Committee. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and previously served as Cambria County Business Hall of Fame chairman.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Murphy Montler for his contributions to our region. This recognition by the Cambria Regional Chamber and Junior Achievement of Western PA is a well-deserved honor, and I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Montler's family and loved ones.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
MATTHEW M. FOGARTY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Matthew M. Fogarty of Fort Wayne.

As a law enforcement officer of 40-plus years, Matthew has been essential to the success and safety of the railroad industry in Indiana and across the Midwest.

A graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Class 231, Matthew dedicated his career to law enforcement by way of the Norfolk Southern Railway Police Department.

Matthew serves as the Northern Region Superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police. The upper Midwest is his jurisdiction, which includes northeast Indiana.

The United States has the largest rail transport network size of any country in the world, and without Fogarty—and other agents like him—it's security would be jeopardized. He has oversight over crimes committed against the railroad, which include trespassing on railroad rights of way, theft of railroad property, threats of terrorism, derailments and more.

As Matthew prepares to retire, I wish him the best for all that he has done after a long

and distinguished career. This record is testament to his service for which northeast Indiana is grateful.

CONGRATULATING THE DEER
PARK HIGH SCHOOL LADY
DEERS ON THEIR THIRD SOFT-
BALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Deer Park High School Lady Deer Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 6A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Deers finished the 2020–2021 season, winning 38 games with eight losses. In the playoffs, Deer Park faced North Shore, Pearland, Brazoswood, Ridge Pointe, Clear Springs, and Flower Mound before facing Converse Judson in the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Deers beat the Converse Judson Rockets by a score of one to zero winning their third state title.

Hannah Benavides, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player capping off an 18–2 senior season on the mound. Five Lady Deers were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 6A All-Tournament Team: Hannah Benavides, Erin Perez, Tabby Bailey, Emma Overla, and Haidyn Hardcastle.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: Haidyn Hardcastle, Lindsey McKnight, Haley Wilkerson, Addison Lehw, Erin Perez, Kayla Zaid, Madison Jones, Myla Garcia, Alex Nicolas, Tabby Bailey, Raeanna Nieman, Madison Applebe, Linda Gobe, Madison Bailey, Hanna York, Emma Overla, Hannah Benavides, Lorelei Graham, Bryanna Fuentes. Head Coach: Amy Vidal-Bush. Assistant Coaches: Emily Beaty, Danyell Hines, Katie Schaefer, and Bryan Williams. Trainer: Ellie Logan. Managers: Amelia Strange, Angela Ramirez, and Aydee Gonzales. Superintendent: Stephen Harrell. Athletic Director: Darren Chandler. Principal: Scott Davis.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Deers.